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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE
IN RE APPLICATION OF :
TERUAKI TAJI, ET AL. : EXAMINER: COLLINS, C.
SERIAL NO: 09/810,506 :
FILED: MARCH 19, 2001 : GROUP ART UNIT: 1638
FOR: A METHOD FOR INCREASING :
STRESS-RESISTANCE TO A :
PLANT :

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

In response to the Official Action dated October 18, 2002, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in light of the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel Claims 1-9 and replace with the following new claims:

10. (New) A method of increasing drought resistance of a plant, comprising introducing a polynucleotide encoding a protein comprising the amino acid sequence in SEQ ID NO:2 into the plant, wherein the protein is expressed in an amount sufficient to increase the drought resistance of the plant, wherein the drought resistance of the plant is higher compared to the plant prior to introducing the polynucleotide.